

# HOW-NE-CON

NEWSLETTER VOL. 21



## CITIZEN BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

ROUTE 5 BOX 151 — SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801

SEPTEMBER, 1978

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING - The annual June Tribal Council meeting was held in the new council room of the Shipshewano Learning Center and highlighting the meeting was the election of new officers. The officers of Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer were voted upon this year and the current Business Committee are as follows: Chairman, Paul E. Schmidlkofer, Vice-Chairman, Jim Tacker, Secretary-Treasurer, Sheila M. Hall, Councilwoman, Priscilla Sherard, and Councilman, Billy J. Burch. The staff of the Potawatomi Tribe wish the Business Committee a very effective year and feel that each member of the Business Committee is dedicated toward serving our Potawatomis to the very best of their ability.

NEW TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR - John Schoemann, a Potawatomi born in McAlester, Oklahoma, is our newly appointed Tribal Administrator. John was elected this year as Vice-Chairman, but resigned his office to work for the tribe. The staff is very happy to have John aboard. He is not only a very good-looking Potawatomi, but is always willing to listen and do his best to help his fellow tribal members who come to him with their problems and needs. Already he has made outstanding progress in acquiring new programs and grants to serve our people.

NEW POLICIES CONCERNING ENROLLMENT AND ADDRESS CHANGES - If you did not receive the recent per capita payment, you should write to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Shawnee Agency, Federal Building, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801, giving them your name, birth date and/or roll number, and your current mailing address. Each individual should write his own letter giving this information to the Bureau.

The funds of the minors under 18 years of age are being held in Individual Indian Monies (IIM) until the members become adults. As required by law, no disbursements, from either the principal or interest can be made for any purpose until the account holder reaches the age of eighteen (18) years. When the account holder reaches his eighteenth (18th) birthday he can contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Shawnee Agency, Federal Building, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801, and receive his share.

As you probably know by now, our tribal rolls are on computer and this involves encoding from the tribal level. The code sheets are sent to the Anadarko Area Office and transferred to a tape for the computer. We try to be as accurate as possible in coding new information into the computer and double-check the rolls prior to a per capita payment to insure accuracy. To assure that your address change has been received by the tribe, you may wish to send these changes in by certified mail. You may call in information if you wish, but the Tribal office cannot accept collect calls.

The rolls are now open. Anyone wishing to submit his or her name or a child's name for enrollment may do so by requesting an enrollment application from the tribal office. Return the completed application to the tribal office with a birth certificate that will not be returned, but will remain on file in the tribal office. All documents pertaining to enrollment should be mailed by certified mail.

An amendment to our tribal Constitution states that any child born on or after the effective date of June 29, 1961, must possess 1/8 degree Citizen Band Potawatomi blood in order to be eligible for tribal enrollment. After the completed application is returned to the tribal office and the person applying meets all necessary enrollment requirements, their application is presented to the Business Committee for approval. Correspondence concerning updating the tribal rolls should be mailed to Mrs. Beverly Hughes, Tribal Rolls Official, Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma, Route 5-Box 151, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801.

POW-WOW CLUB - A big Thank You goes to members of the Pow-Wow Club, including Father Vincent, Buck Tascier, A. B. Pecore, Kathleen Kiker, Anita Hill, Cody and Agnes Mack, Ira Birdcreek, Armour Dossey, and Maevis and Angela Tsotaddle. The work these people put into the Pow-Wow each year contributes greatly to its success.

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS - We are taking bids on the janitorial services for two of our present buildings. Any tribal member or members who are interested in bidding on these services contact John Schoemann for more information, (405) 275-3121.

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS - We have a supply of Tribal History Books (\$5.50), Tribal Cook Books (\$3.00), and the Tribal History Series Limited Edition (\$11.00). These prices are based upon mailing out these items to each tribal member. Anyone interested in purchasing these important historical documents, please contact the tribal office in writing.

SPECIAL NOTICE: SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING - The Business Committee has called a special council meeting to be held on Saturday, September 30, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. This special council meeting is being called only for the purpose of adopting a General Council Resolution hiring the Claims Attorney, Mr. Jack Joseph, for the purpose of representing the tribe in its efforts to settle our pending claims. There will be no other business discussed at this special council meeting.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - The Tribe's Home Improvement Program has been going very well and we are going to receive approval for funds for next year's program.

The Campaign for Human Development is now completed and we were able to serve approximately 30 tribal members. We also trained and placed nine Indian youths in the area of home improvement. Our thanks to the Catholic Church for their assistance.

We have also been invited by HUD to submit a full proposal for the Community Block Grant Program to assist low to moderate income and older tribal members in a home re-modeling program. You will be kept informed by newsletter as to the progress of this proposal.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROGRAM - The Agricultural Extension Program is designed for a group of tribal members who are interested in gaining information on gardening, both vegetables, and flowers, fruit trees, canning, pest control, and assisting in farm-related school projects.

If you have a group that would like to receive assistance, please contact Joe Negahnquet, Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Office and give him a date and the topic for discussion.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - To the tribal members who attended the council meeting held in the new Shipshewano Learning Center in June of this year, our building has taken on a new look. The building is in the final stages of completion. We are going to have the grand-opening on September 30, 1978, at 1:00 p.m. The Business Committee wishes to extend an invitation to you and your family to attend the grand opening or open house.

INDIAN ACTION PROGRAM - The main objectives of the Indian Action Program are to provide vocational training in the skilled jobs to Indian youths and to help locate jobs for these students within the field of training.

The qualifications for this program are that the student has to be Indian, between the ages of 18 and 35 years old, and unemployed. We provide training in the following areas: carpentry, electric, plumbing, machine shop, hair styling, secretarial, nurse's aide, manufacturing, data processing, and many other areas.



If you meet the above qualifications or want more information on this program please contact the Citizen band Potawatomi Tribal Office.

POTAWATOMI NATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY - The Historical Committee and other interested people met in the Cultural Heritage Center August 22, 1978, and organized the Potawatomi Nation Historical Society. Officers were elected at this meeting and the Society voted to meet every second Friday of each month and the next meeting will be held September 8, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in the history of the Potawatomi may attend these meetings. Sonny Sewell was elected President, Elva Lou Wall, Vice-President, Charles Fairchild, Treasurer, and Wanita Clifford, Secretary. Various fund raising activities were planned and the group talked about trips to be made in the near future to Kansas and Indiana seeking additional historical information concerning our great Potawatomi Tribe.

HOW NE CON NEWSLETTER - We currently have 10,908 enrolled tribal members and of this 10,908 members, 706 are minors. Our How Ne Con Newsletter is currently mailed to all enrolled members who are 18 years of age and older. This means that 10,202 newsletters are mailed out at a current cost of 7.5 cents per copy. Due to the increasing cost of postage, we would like to send only one newsletter to each household. In order to achieve this we are asking interested members to let us know how they feel about initiating a separate mailing list for the newsletters and charging \$1.00 per year subscription fee to help with the postage only. Persons living in this area could pick up their copy at the tribal office at no cost. Do not send any money at this time but do let us know your feelings concerning the subscription fee. If these new policies concerning the newsletter meet with favorable reactions from tribal members, we are planning on changing the format of the newsletter by providing a larger, more informative and pictorial newspaper. Please direct your remarks to John Schoemann, Tribal Administrator.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - Currently, the topic of greatest interest to the Education Department is - "When will we be moving into the new building?" Tentative plans call for a moving day of September 9, 1978, and doors opening for business on September 11. Once everyone gets settled, we will schedule an open house week and invite tribal members, friends, and interested individuals from the community to come and visit. The new facilities will greatly enhance the program.

The Children's Center has hired two new staff members, Gwen Walker and Rita Russell. Welcome Besides staff members, the Center has acquired quite a menagerie. New inhabitants include a parakeet, four goldfish, a white mouse, a black mouse, and a hamster.

HEAD START - We have received word by telephone and expect to get written word soon that our Head Start Proposal has been approved. We are hoping to have the program underway no later than October 16. Much needs to be done before that date: Staff will be hired, equipment will be purchased, materials will be gathered, and, last but not least, we will be accepting enrollment for 20, 3 and 4 year old children.

SUMMER YOUTH - Twenty-one young people found summer employment with the tribe. Some of them worked in the office, others at the Children's Center, and still others around the building and grounds. This program will end in September, and we hope that the youth have found it a useful experience. We are told that it did help to buy school clothes and supplies.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Many people have called the tribal office about the scholarship program. The organization of the Education Foundation is in the final stages, and application forms are being prepared. If you wish to have an application form sent to you, please send us a note, including your name and current address. APPLICATION DEADLINE 12-1-78

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM - The Citizen Band of Potawatomi CHR Program staff consists of Tena Larney, Director; Wanita Clifford, Administrative Assistant; Thelma Bateman, Geriatrics Specialist; Carol White, Maternal & Child Health Specialist; David Pecore, Environmental Health Maintenance Specialist. The CHR's provide services to tribes who reside primarily in the old reservation area, which is Pottawatomie County and portions of Oklahoma and Cleveland Counties. Our office works cooperatively with the Absentee-Shawnee,

Sac & Fox and Iowa CHR Program, the Kickapoo CHR Program, and Seminole CHR Program who also serve our tribal members living in counties served by their programs. However, if a tribal member living outside of our target area wishes our direct assistance, CHR services will be provided. Our office telephone number is (405) 275-3121; working hours are 8-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE PROSTHETIC DEVICES FOUNDATION - is in the final stages of planning, and application forms are being prepared. If you are in need of assistance, please send in a request for an application form with your name and current address.

Our CHR Program this year has lost a long-time employee of 2 years, Mrs. Lilly Lang. During her employment, she certainly contributed many ideas, and recommendations to the continuing development of the program. She will certainly be missed; however, we all wish her the best in her new future endeavors.

We have hired Roy McMullin, Kickapoo/Mexican, 20 years old, married, long-time resident of Shawnee, as Jr. Environmental Health Maintenance Specialist. Roy has had much experience in the home maintenance area and we are very glad to have him join our staff.

CHR'S IN TRAINING: (1) Currently, Carol White, specializing in Maternal & Child Health is attending her second week of training on Maternal & Child Health at Talihina, Oklahoma, IHS Training Center. The training that she will receive will be the basis for development in her chosen area of interest. (2) Thelma Bateman, Geriatric Specialist is attending a one-week training program on "Aging, Awareness, Assessment, and Action," at the Black Hills, IHS Training Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. This training will enhance her ability to provide services to our elderly tribal members. Both CHR staff members will return to the office on September 5, 1978. (3) Tena Larney, CHR Director, participated in a 5-day training program held at the Quartz Mountain State Park and Lodge on "Tribal Service Advocacy" arranged through the Kiowa Nation of Oklahoma Paralegal Program. The training was conducted by the Institute for the Development of Indian Law and National Paralegal Institute of Washington D.C., on May 15-19, 1978. The primary purpose was to make tribal people knowledgeable of all public benefits agencies, such as, Social Security, Veterans Administration, Social Security Income, Food Stamps, Welfare, Medicare and Medicaid. Information was given on each agency's criteria for eligibility. A person trained in this program will be able to assist our Indian people who meet eligibility criteria standards to make application, and will provide an advocate for our Indian people who seek services in housing, training, employment, and legal aid.

*Citizen Band Potawatomi  
Indians of Oklahoma*

ROUTE 5 — Box 151  
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U. S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
SHAWNEE, OKLA.  
PERMIT NO. 395